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SUBJECT: MTN: SUBGROUP MEETING ON QUANTITATIVE  
- RESTRICTIONS AND LICENSING, SEPTEMBER 29, 1978

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1. SUMMARY: THE SUBGROUP REQUESTED THE GATT SECRETARIAT TO DRAW UP A CONSOLIDATED LIST OF REQUESTS AND OFFERS AND INDICATIVE LISTS AND STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH RESPECT TO QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS. CONTRARY TO REF (A), THE MEXICAN PROPOSALS ON LICENSING WILL NOT BE INCORPORATED BY THE SECRETARIAT INTO THE CURRENT DRAFT LICENSING TEXTS BUT WILL BE SUBJECT TO INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AND REVERTED TO AT THE NEXT SUBGROUP MEETING. END  
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SUMMARY.

2. GATT SECRETARIAT CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBGROUP (MATHUR) CONVENED AN INFORMAL SESSION PRIOR TO THE QR SUBGROUP'S MEETING TO DISCUSS THE YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL FOR THE GATT SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE CONSOLIDATED LISTS OF REQUESTS AND OFFERS ON QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS

(REPORTED REF (A)). CANADA (GORE) AND U.S. (WALLAR) JOINED PREVIOUS EC (HEISLER) AND AUSTRALIAN COMMENTS THAT ANY SUCH CONSOLIDATED LIST SHOULD INCLUDE INDICATIVE LISTS AND STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' RESPONSES TO THE INDICATIVE LISTS. WHILE YUGOSLAVIA (TOMIC) CLEARLY PREFERRED ONLY COVERING REQUESTS AND OFFERS, HE AGREED TO THIS COMPROMISE IN ORDER FOR THE DOCUMENT TO BE CIRCULATED IN THE SUBGROUP. EC AND JAPAN (KUJIRAI) STRONGLY OBJECTED TO THE INCLUSION OF REQUESTS IN THESE LISTS WHERE NO QR'S HAD EXISTED. A COMPROMISE FORMULA WAS REACHED WHEREBY SUCH REQUESTS WOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE LISTS IN THE FORM OF AN APPENDIX.

3. THE LISTS WILL BE COMPILED ON A COUNTRY BY COUNTRY BASIS PROVIDING CCCN NUMBER OR PRODUCT DESCRIPTION OF THE REQUEST AND WILL COVER ITEMS SUBJECT TO THE QR SUBGROUP'S MANDATE (E.G., QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS, IMPORT PROHIBITIONS, IMPORT EMBARGOES, IMPORT QUOTAS, IMPORT LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, AND EXPORT RESTRAINTS). MATHUR ASSERTED THAT DUE TO THE VOLUME OF THE INDICATIVE LISTS AND THE NUMBER OF INFORMAL CONTACTS REQUIRED WITH LDC'S TO ENSURE THAT THEIR STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS IS UP TO DATE MORE TIME MAY BE NECESSARY TO COMPILE THIS PART OF THE EXERCISE. IN ANY EVENT, BOTH LISTS WILL BE CIRCULATED AS SOON AS THEY ARE COMPLETED.  
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BEFORE THESE LISTS ARE FINALIZED, THE GATT SECRETARIAT WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH DELEGATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THESE LISTS REPRESENT THE UP TO DATE POSITIONS WITH RESPECT TO OFFERS AND STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS. THIS AGREED PROCEDURE WAS REPORTED BY THE CHAIRMAN TO THE SUBGROUP AND IT WAS ADOPTED BY THE SUBGROUP.

4. LICENSING: AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE SUBGROUP THE MEXICAN REP HAD PROPOSED THAT ITS SUGGESTIONS ON THE LICENSING TEXTS BE INCORPORATED IN THE WORKING DOCUMENT ON LICENSING (MTN/NTM/W/127). NO OBJECTION HAD BEEN RAISED AT THE TIME. MUCH TO MEXICO'S DISPLEASURE, MATHUR RECALLED THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL TO THE SUBGROUP AND SOLICITED COMMENTS. THE EC AND SWITZERLAND (LEMPEN) OBSERVED THAT INCLUSION OF THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL IN THE WORKING TEXT AT THIS TIME WAS PREMATURE AND STRESSED THE NEED FOR FURTHER INFORMAL BILATERAL CONTACTS ON THE ISSUE. MEXICO REPLIED THAT IT HAS HEARD NO OBJECTION AT THE PREVIOUS SUBGROUP MEETING ON THIS ISSUE AND MADE THE CASE THAT INCLUSION OF THESE PROPOSALS WOULD FACILITATE DISCUSSIONS. AFTER NIGERIA CAME TO SUPPORT OF CONTINUING

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS, THE CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT THE SUBGROUP REVERT TO THIS ISSUE AT THE NEXT SUBGROUP MEETING.

5. NEXT MEETING: NEXT MEETING OF THE SUBGROUP WILL BE CALLED BY THE GATT SECRETARIAT CHAIRMAN AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH DELEGATIONS.

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